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Applicant : Matthew James Fischer, et al.
Application No. : 09/825,851
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Title : METHOD OF PROVIDING SYNCHRONOUS
TRANSPORT OF PACKETS BETWEEN
ASYNCHRONOUS NETWORK NODES IN A
FRAME-BASED COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK
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Commissioner:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, and in accordance with the provisions in the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure §§ 609 and 707.05(b), enclosed is FORM PTO/SB/08A/B listing the references that are known to applicant. Copies of each of the listed references are enclosed. Also enclosed is a copy of the International Search Report for PCT/US01/10882. This filing is timely because it is made during one of the periods described in 37 CFR § 1.97(b).

It is respectfully requested that the listed references be considered in the examination of this application and identified on the list of references cited on the patent issuing for this application. Applicant also requests that an initialed copy of FORM PTO/SB/08A/B be entered

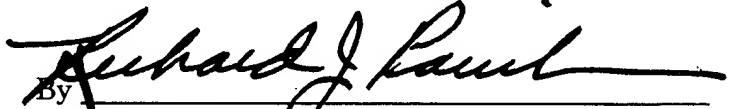
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in the application file and returned to applicant with the next communication from the Office in accordance with MPEP § 609.

To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, this filing is being made prior to the mailing date of a first Office action on the merits. If an Office action has been issued, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the processing fee of \$180.00, as required by 37 CFR § 1.17(p), to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any Deposit Account transaction.

Respectfully submitted,

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